

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 598 - SB 617

March 27, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Safety (DOS) to waive the required fee for any driver license or identification card issued to, or renewed by, any person who was released from prison or jail. Excludes offenders that were convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol, vehicular assault, aggravated vehicular assault, vehicular homicide, and aggravated vehicular homicide.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue - \$109,400/Department of Safety

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the DOS and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), it is estimated that 18,000 individuals are released from jail or prison that could qualify for fee waivers in this legislation.
- A class D driver's license fee is \$28.00 and an identification card fee is \$12.00.
- It is assumed that 30 percent, or 5,400, of individuals will still have a driver's license upon release, therefore; those individuals will not require a fee waiver.
- The DOS reports that individuals that have outstanding court or citation fees will continue to remain ineligible for a driver's license. The amount of individuals who have outstanding fees upon release is not known, but is reasonably estimated to exceed 30 percent, or an additional 5,400 individuals.
- It is estimated that 7,200 (18,000 – 5,400 – 5,400) individuals will receive fee waivers each year.
- Based on information provided by the DOS, it is estimated that 20 percent, or 1,440 (7,200 x .20) of eligible individuals will receive a driver license waiver and 80 percent, or 5,760 (7,200 x .80) of eligible individuals will receive an identification card waiver.
- The recurring decrease in state revenue to the DOS is estimated to be \$109,440 [(\$28 x 1,440) + (\$12 x 5,760)].
- It is estimated that the individuals who receive the fee waiver, pursuant to the provisions of the legislation, will purchase a driver's license or identification card in absence of the legislation. Therefore, the DOS will not experience any increase or decrease in state expenditures related to card production or issuance.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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